

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
JACKSON COUNTY COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH FUND
MEETING NOTES
October 23, 2014

Present: C.Clark Campbell – M.Campbell – G.Thompson – R.Harris – E.Wesson –
M.Mora

Absent: J.Moore – T.Poe – A.Kitchen – D.Moore – J.Payne – R.Eiman – R.Makinen

Staff: B.Eddy – S.Jones – T.Cummings - A.Marshall – M.Fortin

Guests: List attached

Meeting was called to order by Vice Chair. Cynthia Clark Campbell at 5:22 PM. C. Campbell noted that a quorum was not present. M.Campbell asked if the Board would seek electronic votes on action items. B.Eddy suggested November ratification would still be required, that action items were routine/did not include provider allocations, and hence do not require immediate attention. The Board heard information items and no actions to be taken until the November meeting.

Minutes: September minutes provided in packet; for approval in November.

Staff Report: B.Eddy provided a written report of staff activities since the September meeting.

Appropriations: M.Campbell reported:

- Proposals for Safety Net and Children & Families had been received.
- Chairs' Meeting will take place at the Board office on 11/10.
- The Appropriations Committee will meet on 11/12 and 11/13 at the KC Public Library-Southeast Branch. Staff will e-mail location and map to Board and providers.

Education/Planning: G.Thompson reported:

KC VA Presentation (copy in packet)

- Dr. Ahmad Batrash and Stana Eager from the Kansas City VA gave a presentation on the mental health services they provide to veterans.
- They described the facilities for veteran services; 9,000-10,000 veterans are served. From a question by G.Thompson, physical aspects of a veteran's health are addressed at the facilities.
- From a question by M. Campbell, VA benefit and treatment facility is only for veterans, however can include family members via family therapy.
- Veterans may prefer to seek treatment outside the VA. Many are unaware that they are eligible for VA. Only honorable discharge is needed.
- No domestic violence program is currently available at the KC VA.
- TriCare insurance is administered separately from the VA medical center.
- T. Cummings discussed technology-based applications to augment psychotherapy .
- G.Thompson requested that staff post links to the presentation on the JCCMHF website.

Provider Forum

- Will likely be postponed until early 2015 due to speaker availability.
- Primary aim is to present an inviting environment for agency decision-makers and show how disparate mental and physical health care is so that this can permeate throughout agencies and open minds and improving care.

Accountability/Compliance: R. Harris requested/ B.Eddy reported:

- All agencies with zip code errors in our reporting system were contacted and all issues had been resolved. Most problems were data errors, out-of-county billing by providers had been reconciled and corrected to the satisfaction of S. Jones.

Finance: B.Eddy reported:

- B.Eddy presented the preliminary 2015 financial plan as of October. M.Campbell about lower assessed value for 2015. B.Eddy explained a combination of possible factors: assessment capacity, assessment schedule, past and current protests, tax abatement, and new state rules that reduce assessment of motor vehicle value.
- B.Eddy reported that the County Legislature approved an increase in the Levy rate. Staff will contact providers on the Board's behalf to let them know of the Legislature's increase and their recognition of the excellent work of providers.
- B.Eddy presented the preliminary budget for 2015; line item for health insurance increased because all staff will now have coverage through this plan.
- October distribution was made per Board-approved contracts. No funding was withheld for compliance or productivity matters. Distribution to be ratified at the November Board meeting.

New Business: None.

Public Comments: None.

Announcements: None

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 PM.

Jacquelyn C. Moore, Chairperson

Date Approved:

Secretary or Treasurer

Minutes Prepared By: